

## THE EVENING CRITIC.

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## The District Commissioners and the Public Schools.

To the Editor of the Evening Critic:

The Commissioners deny to the President that they have been hostile to the public schools, and on the contrary claim that they have done more to increase and improve accommodations for these schools, during their three years of office, than was ever done before in the same length of time.

In reply to this claim I submit that every dollar expended by them to increase school accommodations, that is, to build school-houses, has been appropriated by Congress over their heads and in spite of their hostile estimates. Not a dollar of money that they could use for any other purpose have the present Commissioners voluntarily estimated for building school-houses during their whole term of office. Not one dollar.

Do not misunderstand me. I say, "voluntarily." I am aware that an amended estimate of \$75,000 was obtained from them February 24, 1879, but they did not do this of their own accord. They were forced, in their letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, that they make the estimate "to meet the views of the House Committee on the District." It was not their voluntary act and they take care that it shall not so appear. They had, therefore, made and submitted their estimates in which was no item for building school-houses.

Aside from the \$75,000, the only estimate of theirs for school buildings is \$70,000, or thereabouts, of the old Washington school fund. This was a fund. It could be used for no other than a school purpose. Its appropriation to build school-houses would not withdraw one dollar of current revenue from the amount available for other purposes. The Commissioners, therefore, graciously condescended to acquiesce in the transfer of this money from a fund to a school-house. It was not their voluntary act and they take care that it shall not so appear. They had, therefore, made and submitted their estimates in which was no item for building school-houses.

These two items are all I can find, and I say again that the present Commissioners have not only failed to increase the present needs of the public schools as to school-houses in their estimates to Congress for appropriations.

How, then, did they get the money to build school-houses? Why, Congress gave it notwithstanding the Commissioners refused to estimate for it. I have before stated how \$75,000 was got, and other moneys have been appropriated for this purpose, in spite of the hostile estimates of the Commissioners.

Their "claim" of credit for building school-houses reminds me of the late President's family and who should be credited with clearing a few acres of land and couple for themselves a log cabin, containing one room and an attic, which was reached by a ladder. They also rejoiced in the possession of a little, rosy, toddling child. One evening, as they sat at the table, the child, listening to the prattle of their child, they were startled by the sudden appearance of a ferocious bear making directly for the cabin. Both started for the ladder leading to the attic, but the man, not being encumbered with a baby, got ahead of the woman and scrambled up the ladder to the attic, and lest the bear might follow, pulled the ladder up after him, leaving the woman and child to the mercy of the wild beast. There was no time for expostulation. The mother looked at her child and then at the bear, close upon her, and she saw that her husband had put her babe behind her, seized the woman's axe, which happened to be at hand, and, with the aided strength of desperation, dealt the monster a heavy blow, and another, and another, until he fell dead at her feet. Then, utterly exhausted, she herself fell fainting by the side of her child.

Meanwhile, the head of the family valiantly assisted the good woman by overlooking the combat from his hole in the garret, and shouted in a whisper, which he thought the bear would not hear, "That's right, give it to him, Nancy." And after the battle was over, when the monster had recovered consciousness, he ventured to lower his ladder and come down, and putting on an air of consequence he strode bravely up to the dead beast, and broke forth exultingly, "Ain't we brave, Nancy? We have killed a bear!" "Just put one in to suit yourself," Mr. Editor.

## SECOND DIVISION.

## A Card from Captain Walker, U. S. A.

To the Editor of the Evening Critic:

Will you kindly give space to a short statement made by me to the public? I have no recourse except an appeal to the public? My case has occupied some portion of the notice of the people of this city for several years, and I made somewhat of a statement of the case, which was published in the Capital March 20th last. Since that time I have been nominally an inmate of the Government Hospital for the Insane, really at liberty except occasional reports in person to the superintendent of that institution. On the 7th inst. the Secretary of War issued an order directing me to report in person to the superintendent of the hospital, and to be confined until further pleasure of the Secretary of War to direct my release, or until the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia shall be pleased to hear my appeal on writ of habeas corpus. I have thousands of friends and acquaintances who know me to be as sane and as deserving of the liberty of an American citizen as the generality of people. Recently, fearing such a deprivation of liberty as is now made, I drew up a statement and petition to the effect that the subscribers, having known me for such and such periods of time, believed me sane, entitled to liberty and to the right of assent to duty. The fearful excitement attending the cowardly and devilish attempt to assassinate the President prevented my going on with it, but within the past three days it has been signed by a large number of my friends, gentlemen of intelligence and well known in the city. It would be signed willingly, I know, by thousands of my friends here and elsewhere if time permitted to reach them, but, being again the third time deprived of my liberty unjustifiably, I appeal to the public for protection from despotic power. Although an officer of the army, yet I have not forfeited the right of personal liberty. I go to the hospital in obedience to orders as I would to death, but not as cheerfully as I would to the latter under the flag of my country in obedience to legal orders and in the line of duty.

JOHN P. WALKER, JR.

## How to Keep the Room Cool.

To the Editor of the Evening Critic:

Please tell Mr. Siddons that he is rather late in his suggestion, and that the medical men are not "at a loss" how to cool a heated room, as a "punka" (not "punket") will effect that object. Dr. Bliss has for several days had in his possession a drawing for a movable punka, with full particulars how to make and use it, and will, no doubt, if he thinks it advisable, utilize it.

Respectfully, C. E. M.

## Judge of Police Court Pro Tem.

A petition is in circulation and signed by a number of the members of the bar for the appointment of Chas. S. Bundy as Judge pro tem. of the Police Court during the summer vacation of Judge Snell. Judge Bundy filled the office last year very acceptably.

COL. S. B. BENSON telegraphs THE CRITIC from Philadelphia as follows:

"Please deny in your paper that I ever made any statement to the effect that I knocked down Guiteau and prevented him from shooting Secretary Blaine. It is all bosh."

## NEW YORK SENATORSHIPS.

## Depew Retires from the Contest—Action of the Half-Breed and Featherhead Caucus Yesterday.

The Half-Breeds and Featherheads of the New York Legislature held a caucus yesterday afternoon, when, to the surprise of all, the following letter, withdrawing his name from the contest, was read from Mr. Depew:

ALBANY, July 8, 1881.

To the members of the Legislature who have voted for me for United States Senator:

GENTLEMEN: I propose to decline the further use of my name for United States Senator. I cannot retire from the canvass without expressing to you my reasons, and thanks. I take this action with the advice of trusted friends, who fully concur that at the present juncture sacrifices and concessions ought to be made on all sides. I entered upon this campaign at the earnest solicitation of a large proportion of the voters, who have since sustained me, and against the wishes of my business associates and friends, as I deliberately quit public life many years ago, when it was full of promise, for economical and prudential reasons. So I had resolved now, surrendering professional relations, to devote what- ever of ability or experience I possessed to the public service.

You have been fruitlessly balloting for five weeks, and for four of them I have had the support of a majority of the Republican members of the Legislature. In the midst of calamities and anxieties, unusual even in political warfare, this confidence has remained unshaken, but I am convinced that feelings have become so embittered by this political struggle against those who have been longest and foremost in the fight that neither by unity in causes or voting in common on this question, be settled while they remain in the field. Neither the State nor party can afford to have New York unrepresented in the national councils.

A great crime has plunged the Nation into sorrow, and in the midst of the prayers and the tears of the whole people, supplicants for recovery and weeping over the wounds of the President, this partisan strife should cease. A contingency not contemplated when the State Senators left the Senate renders the presence of New York's representatives imperative, should Congress be called together. To those who have sustained me so long with such hearty loyalty and earnest friendship, words are poor indeed to express my feelings. Their devotion will be the pride of my life and the heritage of my children. To the great party so indissolubly connected with the nation's glories and beneficent events in our country's history, embodying in its principles, purposes and organization the fratricide and the promise of what the Republic has in the present and needs in the future, I shall contribute in private station my best and most energetic support. Yours very truly,

CHAS. S. DEPEW.

The question of who should be supported for the Senatorial vacancies was then discussed, and it was decided to support Mr. Warner Miller for Mr. Platt's term and Hon. Eldridge G. Lapham for Mr. Conkling's term. Both are members of the present Congress.

The sixty-five persons present at the conference are pledged to vote solidly for the conference nominees. Eighty-one votes are required to elect, if the joint convention is a full one. Upon the ballots yesterday 76 votes would have elected. The Democrats will vote solidly for their candidates.

## Representative Speer's Position.

Representative Emory Speer, of Georgia, who has been charged with an intention to co-operate with the Republicans in the organization of the next House of Representatives, has written a letter to Mr. James R. Randall, of the Augusta Constitutionalist, in which he says: "You may say that my position is that of perfect independence, with as near regard as I can possibly discover to the interest of the people I represent, the position I have consistently held. I have never declared to the President an intention to vote with the Republicans in the organization of the House. Allow me to say that my errand in Washington is not political; as Mrs. Gamp would say, 'quite the contrary'; and if the esteemed journalists will have a truce with me for these twenty days or thereabout, they will find that my purposes here are innocent, and, indeed, popular. In the meantime, though it seems that some men and newspapers in Georgia are determined to drive me forever from Democratic associations, I will not be dragged by them into any quarrel. Let the *Realist* and *Constitutionalist* will, however, respond promptly to such polite inquiries as that which you have addressed me." Mr. Speer was elected to Congress as an independent over the Democratic nominee. He is about to marry a Washington lady.

## Served Him Right.

It was stated a day or two ago that an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, had been expelled for expressing satisfaction at the attempted assassination of the President. The following is the official order in the case:

NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S., DAYTON, OHIO, July 2, 1881.

General Orders, No. 31.—For gross and flagrant violation of the Fifth article of war in declaring in the most public manner, on reading from the official bulletin board of the National Home, the attempted assassination of the President of the United States, July 2, 1881, "Good, another Yankee gone!"

The said inmate, John J. Sullivan, is hereby expelled from the National Home for Veterans of the War, and is to be confined to the Soldiers' Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, by order of

GENERAL M. R. PARKER, Governor.

M. J. CAMPBELL, Post Adjutant.

## The Marquis of Bute.

London Cor., Baltimore Sun.

If we measure a man by money, the Marquis of Bute is a large man. If we measure a man by morality, the Marquis of Bute is a great man. If we measure a man by mentality, the Marquis of Bute is a grand man. Rarely do we find one man having the three. He has. We owe much to the Marquis of Bute for his services to the British Empire, and even to the United States. His income now growing up to \$3,500,000 per annum, is as nothing to his daily aid to poor men, yet scholars rich in learning. His new castle, Mount Stuart, on the Isle of Bute, burnt down a year or more ago, and now rebuilding at a cost of nearly five millions of dollars, will be rich in tributes to that measure of morality and mentality I speak of.

## Dr. Rhodes Transfusing Battery.

advertised in another column, is an article of credit and is worth its weight in gold. It will positively do what is claimed for it. Money cheerfully refunded to all using it a reasonable length of time if they are not satisfied. Mr. R. K. Helphentine, the well-known druggist, Fourteenth and F streets—Ebbitt House—is the agent.

A crowd of children suddenly appear on the sidewalk; they are as pretty as the fairies in the coronation scene of a pantomime, and with their garlands of flowers, flutter of laces and ribbons and general elaboration of hoisery, recall that something bit of naturalness. Another crowd of spectators follow, and the air resounds with voices exclaiming ecstatically:

"It was just lovely!"

"Wasn't it a perfect picture?"

"Wasn't it a picture?"

"Long! Perfectly frightful! Mewed up in that crush with the flowers and the heat for three hours!"

"Three hours! I thought it was five."

Under the young ones are not all dead! I am sure I am completely used up."

DRAFTS on London, Dublin and Paris, at H. D. Cooke, Jr., &amp; Co's, 1429 F st.

## Summary of Yesterday's News.

—Mr. J. R. Keene has presented the sum of \$50,000 francs to the poor of Paris out of his winnings by the race for the grand prize of Paris.

—In Chicago yesterday the thermometer ranged all day from 93° to 95°, and several cases of prostration by the heat are reported, but none of them fatal.

—The condition of Griscoom, the Chicago fester, on his 42d day is apparently unchanged. Weight 157 pounds, a loss of 46 pounds in all; pulse 58, respiration 14, temperature 98°.

—F. B. Low, a young Englishman, was found dead in his bed, of heart disease, at Detroit, on Friday. He is said to have a brother in Washington who has been telegraphed for.

—At Brighton Beach races yesterday the first race, 11 miles, was won by Governor, Bucken second; time, 2:31. Second race, 1 mile, won by Topsy, Moscow second; time, 1:47. Third race, 11 miles, Kitty Clark won, Jerry second; time, 2:40. Fourth race, 11 miles, won by six hurdles, Iron by Lenor, Miss Maloy second; time, 2:51.

—Col. George S. Marsh, of Anne Arundel County, Md., was sentenced yesterday, at Annapolis, to three years in the penitentiary for setting fire to his house. In view of his age and the prominent position he at one time occupied the governor commuted his sentence to one year.

—The British bark Beatrice, Capt. Stewart, bound for Rouen, and loaded with oil, was struck by lightning Thursday evening while off Reedy Island. The fluid ran down the mast and into the hold and fired the cargo. An explosion followed and the main hatch was blown into the river and a sailor with it, who sank and drowned. Capt. Stewart, the mate, and two sailors were injured by flying timber. The vessel was burned to the water's edge.

—Peter Lillback, whose wife was burned to death at Jersey City, about six weeks ago, left his home on Thursday, taking with him his household effects, and leaving his son, aged 5 years, standing in the street, after telling the child he could do nothing for him. Lillback is supposed to have gone to New York. The police are looking for him.

—The French tribunals have annulled the marriage of Musurus Bey, son of the Turkish ambassador at London, who is himself now ambassador at Rome, with Mile. d'Incourt. They were married by a London registrar. The lady is only sixteen years of age. Her mother refused to consent to the marriage, and regained possession of her daughter, who has since been shut up in a nunnery and did not appear in court.

## Was it an Advertising Dodge?—Reminiscences of Lincoln's Assassination.

Considerable comment has been excited by the letter of condolence sent here by Clara Morris, the emotional actress, and tendering her services as a nurse to the President.

Miss Morris is a confirmed invalid, and could be of no earthly use in a sick room; consequently her generous offer is believed to be no more nor less than an effort to advertise herself. It will be remembered when Lincoln was assassinated Laura Keane so managed it as to get some of the dying President's blood on her white silk dress. This blood-stained garment was afterward hung up for exhibition at theatres visited by Miss Keane as an advertisement. It was so revolting, however, that people would not attend Miss Keane's performance and she was forced finally to hide the dress from sight. Miss Morris has not adopted so hideous a method of attracting public attention, but if her motive is the same as Laura Keane's, certain theatrical people in this city denounce it in most emphatic terms.

## No Ice.

Prentiss' concentrated lemonade is sold at the corner of Seventh and F streets.

## Miscellany.

—Milwaukee girls ride bicycles straddle-fashion.

—The New York apple crop is not encouraging.

—Napoleon's "N." on the Seine bridges is being chiseled off.

—Venor is said to be proud. This makes him a weather-vane.

—Picnic lemonade is sometimes fatal, and always dangerous.

—The sound of the marriage bells is merely the wood-ding.—New York News.

—Bishop Scott, the senior bishop of the Methodist Church, is seventy-nine years of age.

—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, widow of the late Commodore, will pass the summer at Saratoga.

—And now an American fighting dog has won a championship in France. Is there any game Europe can play?

—The Chicago people never eat watermelon in the beginning of the season unless they get them from Texas.

—The young Duke de Morny is said to be one of the coming golden youth of France—clever, witty, discreet, sceptical and a sportsman.

—A bride is reported to have lately said: "I told all my friends to have my name put on my present, but the divorce (George) should not be able to claim them."

—A four-year-old child, who, while visiting, saw belows used to blow an open fire, informed her mother that "they shovel wind into the fire down to Aunt Augusta's."

—Women regard bald heads with the same horror that they regard bald heads. This explains why they persist in wearing mitts or gloves in the hottest weather.

—There is nothing new under the sun. Many of the brightest paragraphs of the day are simply old saws resharpened; but to do even this requires much labor and skill, as anyone can discover by examining a newspaper file.

—The deaf mutes who were recently married in Brooklyn are a source of great annoyance to the neighbors in their block, and no wonder. It is utterly impossible for any one to know whether the couple quarrel or not.

—A Philadelphia millionaire added to his will: "In case this will shall be contested by any of the heirs, the whole estate is to go to the lawyer engaged by either side." It is strange how people waste words in drawing up wills.

—Mr. Hamilton Diston, of Philadelphia, has purchased the Everglades of Florida, comprising 4,000,000 acres of land, or about one-eighth of the area of the entire State. He proposes to cultivate sugar, rice, oranges, alligators and other tropical products.

—A Detroit exchange says: "Amos Pitkin, a farmer of Eaton township, Eaton County, is having quite a streak of matrimonial luck. He has married four different wives, and has been relieved of each in succession by the appearance of her former husband. The last one, who came on Monday, was supposed to have been killed in the war, as nothing had been heard from him during eighteen years."

—Six thousand bankers will rendezvous at Niagara Falls next month, and a pleasant time is anticipated. The huckmen who for a year or two past have repelled visitors, and, in consequence, have grown rather impetuous, are in ecstasies at the prospect of having so many moneyed victims within their clutches. It is really a wonder that some enterprising Yankee has not invaded Niagara with a lot of good carriages and horses, and compelled a reduction in the rates of hack hire. There is certainly room for a line of Herdies there.

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## AUCTION SALES.

## UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

By virtue of writ of fieri facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and to the effect that I will sell at public sale, for cash, at the Court House door of said District, on Thursday, the 25th day of July, 1881, at 12 o'clock m., all the right, title, claim, and interest of the plaintiff in and to the following-described property, to-wit: Lot lettered "A" in John B. Kibbey's recorded subdivision of original lot numbered 5, in square No. 43, in the City of Washington, D. C., leveled upon as the property of Felix A. Cassier, to satisfy execution No. 5,084, at law, in favor of Charles A. Kinnell, use of Albert H. Kinnell.

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